

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow fill of non-tidal wetlands in Virginia Beach.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: June 30, 2015 to July 30, 2015

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Individual Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS, AND PERMIT NUMBER: Kempdel, Inc., Attn. Mr. George Kemp, 2313 Croix Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23451; VWP Permit Number 13-0292.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Kempdel, Inc. has applied for a new VWP Individual Permit for the construction of a 132-lot residential subdivision and associated infrastructure on an approximate 112-acre parcel located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Nimmo Parkway and Seaboard Road. The permit will allow the applicant to fill 4.413 acres of non-tidal forested wetlands, and 0.051 acres of isolated forested wetlands. The activity proposed in the permit will affect West Neck Creek in the Chowan and Dismal Swamp watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for these impacts, the applicant will purchase 8.928 wetland bank credits from the Lower James River - Greenway Farm Wetland Mitigation Bank. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Name: Curtis Davey; Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23462; Phone – (757) 518-2158; E-mail address – curtis.davey@deq.virginia.gov; FAX – (757) 518-2009. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.